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TURRETS OF BATTLESHIPS

Construction Board's Report Hand-
ed to Secretary Long.

The question of the adoption of ordinary or superposed turrets for the vessels to be referred to the Board of Inspection and Survey and Officers of Experience.

The question of whether the battleships Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Georgia shall have their principal guns mounted in superposed or ordinary turrets is now fairly before the Secretary of the Navy, the report of the Board on Construction having been handed to him yesterday together with a minority report from Rear Admiral Bradford, Chief of the Bureau of Equipment.

The disagreement in the board, in its consideration of general plans for the three battleships, arose over the turret question and from the fact that four of the five members signed a report favoring the installation of six ordinary turrets on each vessel, instead of two superposed turrets and two ordinary turrets, Admiral Bradford's idea. It was supposed that Secretary Long would follow the recommendations of the majority, the usual course of the Department in matters referred to a committee of technical experts. Secretary Long has decided, however, to depart from that practice, and it was evident from what he said yesterday that he had practically determined to refer the turret question to the Board of Inspection and Survey and to several officers of experience and ability, who may be added to the inspection board for the occasion. The Secretary is not inclined to favor a suggestion that the reports of the Board on Construction be submitted to the general or campaign board of which Admiral Dewey is president. It has been the Secretary's intention from the first not to submit the campaign board any matters concerning the construction of warships, and this intention was made plain in the order establishing that board. It is not unlikely, however, that some members of the campaign board may be selected as part of the committee of which the inspection board will be the nucleus.

Secretary Long's practical determination to refer the turret question to another group of naval officers sits in well with Admiral Bradford's contention in his minority report that the question is tactical rather than one of construction, involving a ship's ability to fight well in action more than her structural strength, speed and most practicable battery arrangement with regard to the distribution of weight. While the question of construction is not agreed on ordinary turrets until it has discussed the relative merits of both types of gun protection, the actual warlike character of its members were perhaps influenced by considerations involving their individual branches of ship construction in forming their ideas, and this has apparently had much to do in bringing Secretary Long to the practical conclusion that a board concerned more with the adaptability and availability of a vessel for service under all conditions, is well qualified to pass upon the matter at issue.

The inspection board made a very complimentary report of the Kearsarge's superposed turrets, and will soon have another opportunity of testing the practicability and efficiency of these unique structures in the final trial of the Kearsarge.

Rear Admiral Bradford's argument in favor of superposed turrets is regarded in naval circles as remarkably strong. His ideas have been discussed by most naval men since the Board on Construction decided the turret question several weeks ago, and there is apparently a large number of thinking naval men who believe the superposed turret should be continued as part of the equipment policy of the service, and this in the face of the majority of the construction board. The Secretary of the Navy, in his minority report is that at six possible angles of fire, a vessel arranged with two superposed turrets and two ordinary turrets, mounted on each side, has an advantage of two more guns on a side than the vessel with the battery arrangement proposed by the majority of the construction board—six ordinary turrets containing the same number of guns, divided in regard to caliber as the guns in the superposed turrets would have.

In the sixth case, the superposed turret guns and the ordinary turret guns would have the same number of guns on each side. It is contended also by Admiral Bradford that as the question of superposed turrets was considered at length during the administration of Secretary Herbert and adopted then by the Navy Department, it is settled policy, their installation on battleships should be continued. Mr. Herbert was urged by the Board on Construction, as then composed, to adopt the superposed turret for the Kearsarge and the Kentucky. He would not act in a matter of such great importance, however, until he had submitted it to the consideration of a number of naval officers of high rank and known ability. Only two of these, one a staff officer, were not inclined to favor the superposed type, but they were so largely in the minority that Mr. Herbert declared in favor of the double-deck structure.

MUST RETURN TO BELGIUM.

The President yesterday, through the State Department, issued a warrant for the surrender to the Belgian authorities of Auguste Van de Weghe, who was arrested in Panama, N. J., and sent here for extradition under United States Commissioner Nelson on charge of burglary and attempt to commit murder in Belgium. It is alleged that Weghe was detected in the act of stealing mail from a mill in Belgium and shot a man in making his escape.

INSANITY IN THE ARMY.

A Specialist Appointed for Service in the Philippines.

Dr. Charles H. Latimer, who for many years has been connected with the Government Hospital for the Insane, has been appointed by Surgeon General Sternberg as an expert in insanity cases, and will go to Manila early in July in that capacity. He will have the rank of acting assistant surgeon, but will deal only with insanity cases among the troops. Those afflicted mentally in the general hospital at Manila will be looked after by him before being sent to the United States.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Mary Virginia Walling and Mr. George Hamilton Wilder, of Florida, will be married this evening at Calvary Baptist Church. Miss Thomas will be the attendant maid of honor, and Mr. Otto Edward Crespo the best man. The ushers selected are Messrs. Victor H. Knight and G. Earle Yancy, of Florida; Mr. William T. Davis, of Kentucky, and Lieut. William C. Harlee, U. S. M. C.

The wedding of Miss Mary Estelle Rabbitt and Mr. William Osborne Hall, of Ohio, will occur this evening at St. Stephen's Church.

Colonel and Mrs. Siebert are entertaining a house party at their country seat, Langdon, in Virginia. Miss Rosewater and Dr. Crofton are among the guests from Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean will sail for Europe Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Granger, of Connecticut Avenue, have opened their summer home on Great South Bay, at Bayport, L. I.

General and Mrs. Rochester will close their residence on Eighteenth Street next Tuesday and go to Martha's Vineyard, where they have a summer home.

Miss Helen Steele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Steele, formerly of this city, but now of Sterling, Va., and Dr. Hugh Barbour Hutchison were married last Saturday morning at Sterling. The Episcopal Church, in which the ceremony occurred, was decorated with daisies and clover. Rev. Mr. Dole was the officiating minister. The ushers were David H. Dole and Mr. Theron Thompson, preceded the bride, who was lovely in pure white silk, with softly flowing veil caught with opals. She was escorted by her father to the strains of the organ wedding march, played by Miss Frances Steele Mills, of New York. The bridesmaids—Miss Mary Chase Mills, of New York, Miss Margaret E. Palmer, and Miss Lillian Shreve, two flower girls, next carried between the flower basket, from which they scattered blossoms. Both bride and groom are descendants of distinguished Revolutionary ancestors. The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mills, the Millses of New York City; Mrs. William, Miss Kathleen Mercer, Mrs. Millie, Miss Cora, and Miss Margaret E. Palmer, Miss Florence Heine Behrend, Miss Helen N. Reynolds, Dr. G. F. Johnston, Miss Winnie Orr, and Mr. Harry English.

Miss Lacy Johnson entertained her classmates of the Western High School Saturday evening at the country home of her mother, Mrs. S. Lacy Johnson, and her uncle, Maj. R. S. Lacy. The lawn and porch were gaily illuminated with Chinese lanterns.

The evening was spent in dancing, after which refreshments were served. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. George W. Rimmer and Mrs. A. B. Lacy. In the party were Misses Leonard, Koser, Ruff, Wellman, Rose Wellman, Made Davis, Lila Blunk, Ladora Pike, Ethel Pike, Virginia Plunkett, Mary Botler, Natalie Schaefer, Mary Morgan, Margaret Edmonds, Edith Brown, and Ruth Young, Messrs. Randolph Coyle, Basil Botler, Rufus Darby, Charles Coombe, William Darby, Brenton Coombe, Bruce Cavara, Charles Burgess, George Zell, Walter Greg, Curtis, Carlos Merrick, John Babb, Dean Caldwell, Hanson Weightman, and Austin Harlow, with the Misses Ruth Clements, Gertrude Young, Eleanor Hansen, Grace Hansen, and Misses Jesse Arnold, Lacey Simpson, and Walker M. Yeatman.

HONOR FOR THE FLAG.

Miles and Dewey Favor Object of American Flag Association.

General Miles and Admiral Dewey have endorsed the proposed Flag Day observance by patriotic societies annually June 14, in honor of the Stars and Stripes. Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, Vice President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, has received the following letters from Miles and Dewey:

Headquarters of the Army,
Dear General Breckinridge: I have your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the proposed American Flag Association, and I cannot commend too highly the object for which it was organized.

I have frequently noticed the vulgar desecration of our country's sacred emblem by those who have the audacity to do so. I am sure I believe this has come from a lack of true patriotism.

In the army the flag is certainly revered more outwardly, at least, than ever before, and more is being made of the economy of the colors, which to the soldier, especially to the young recruits, ought to be rendered the most important of all the functions in which he is required to take part.

The question of insulating the flag and country is taken up more seriously by our ex-servants, and while patriotism should be spontaneous, and cannot be legislated into existence, I believe that there should be passed making it a serious and punishable offense to desecrate or permit any improper use of the sacred symbol of the Nation. I remain yours very truly,
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SPANISH CANNON HARMLESS.

Rumors That Guns Presented to States Were Loaded Denied.

Several reports have reached the War Department to the effect that guns of the old Spanish cannon captured during the late war and presented to the various States had been found to be loaded.

"The story probably emanated from the excessive caution used in delivering the guns," said Major McNally, Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Ordnance, yesterday. "Before sending any arms or projectiles anywhere, it is our policy to have them examined by the officer caring for the guns, to be sure that they are not loaded, is always underscored in several places on the orders issued. Some one has developed an idea that at some time guns have been sent loaded, but this is an impossibility. The examination is always very strict and the tests made faithfully. I do not believe that any of these guns could possibly have been loaded."

Dismissal for Lieutenant Cranner.

Judge Advocate General Lieber yesterday received the record of the proceedings in the case of Lieut. Robert B. Cranner, Thirty-fourth Infantry, who was dismissed for infractions of the Articles of War. The sentence has been approved by General Otis.

Transportation for Cavalry.

The War Department has made arrangements for the transportation of the two squadrons of the Sixth Cavalry which have been ordered to Manila. The transports Leelanaw, Conemaug, and Lennox will carry the 900 horses of the squadrons.

TURKEY'S NEW CRUISER

Admiral Ahmed Pacha Says It Will Be Promptly Paid For.

The suggestion that the Sultan Dislike to Settle His Debts Denied by the Naval Officer—He Speaks in Significant Terms of the Armed Strength of His Country.

Admiral Ahmed Pacha, of the Turkish navy, now in this country, indignantly repudiates the suggestion that the Sultan ever fails to pay his honest debts. Incidentally, he intimates that the Sultan has a fighting force of 2,000,000 men at hand ready to do business when the occasion may arise. Admiral Ahmed adds that any alleged creditor trying to collect a claim should not overlook that fact.

The admiral is in this country to arrange for the purchase of an American-built cruiser for the Turkish navy. He has made his preliminary arrangements for a vessel with the Cramp people and displaced. Now he is waiting for them to complete their specifications. When that is done, and prices are understood, he will leave at once for Constantinople to submit his work to the Porte. On approving either company's offer the Sultan will cable to Minister Ali Ferid Bey, the authority to sign a contract. It is expected, therefore, that final negotiations will be completed by the minister in order to avoid the delays of correspondence with Constantinople. The cruiser will be 320 feet long, of twenty-two knots, and 3,500 tons displacement. It will have 6-inch guns, and will use the same armor as is adopted by the American Navy for that class of vessels. At present only one ship is being negotiated for, but two may be ordered of the same type.

The admiral was sent yesterday morning at the Arlington.

"It has been suggested that the successful contractor may have trouble in collecting the money from the Sultan," said a reporter.

"That is absurd," retorted the admiral. "It is not the Turkish Empire, with its 25,000,000 inhabitants, and its \$2,000,000,000 in the cost of a ship."

"The point is said to be not the Sultan's inability to pay, but his unwillingness to pay. His enemy point to the fact that the American claims are still outstanding, and that nearly every European power has accounts against the Empire, which are awaiting settlement," he was asked.

"Are these claims lawful ones?" retorted the admiral. "If they are why don't the powers enforce their collection. But you may know the Sultan will never submit to imposition. He has 600,000 soldiers always under arms, and can summon an army of 2,000,000 in a fortnight. They are fully armed with the latest rifles—one of the best in the world—and their equipment is superior to Germany's."

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THE PHILIPPINE HEMP CROP.

Official Report Concerning Receipts of the Fibre at Manila.

The War Department yesterday made public an extract from a report of General Otis, dated from Manila, Feb. 29, to April 29, of this year. The report received at the port of Manila 229,000 bales of Manila hemp, and that additional quantity of that fibre was coming in at the latter date as rapidly as coasting vessels could be secured to transport it.

"It further states," the report continues, "that the receipts of Manila hemp promise to be as large as those of any preceding year."

The report characterizes the statement that the Philippine hemp crop is threatened by the natives found cleaning hemp, as being circulated for the purpose of keeping up the prevailing high price.

AN EXPLANATION ASKED.

Official Action Concerning Consul Merrill's Criticism of Turkey.

The Secretary of State yesterday sent a letter to Rev. Selah Merrill, of Massachusetts, United States Consul at Jerusalem, calling his attention to certain articles published in the "Christian Herald," in New York, over Mr. Merrill's signature, in 1897, in which the Turkish Government was severely criticised, and directed the consul to forward an explanation to the State Department.

A communication was sent also to the Turkish Minister in Washington, by Secretary Hay, acknowledging the receipt of his letter of the 10th inst. regarding the objectionable articles, and notifying him that Mr. Merrill had been called for an explanation. No action will be taken by the State Department until Mr. Merrill's answer has been received.

TO ENTERTAIN VETERANS.

Commissioners to Join in Inviting a National Encampment.

A committee from the Union Veterans' Legion, consisting of Gen. A. M. Legge, Department Commander; Col. John McDougal, Col. C. H. Warden, Dr. J. R. Hayes, Dr. C. V. Pettys, Col. W. D. Vingling, and Dr. Frank T. Howe, called upon the Commissioners yesterday to ask their co-operation in inviting the National Encampment to come to Washington for its annual meeting in October next.

General Legge spoke for the committee, and said that it was arranged at the last meeting of the Union Veterans' Legion, at Sioux City, that it should meet this year in Washington. The vote to come here, he said, was practically unanimous, and now the committee of the Union Veterans' Legion were of one mind as to giving the National Encampment a welcome worthy of the National Capital. They had come to the Commissioners to ask their co-operation in the matter. It was thought desirable that an official invitation to the Commissioners should be issued by the Commissioners, and the committee also wished that they might co-operate in the matter.

Commissioner Macfarland, speaking for the board, assured the committee that they were in hearty sympathy with the purpose of the request, and he thought the Commissioners would gladly render such support to the undertaking as might lie in their power.

Commissioner Ross suggested that the present committee of the Union Veterans' Legion, or some other committee of the organization, should take steps to call a meeting of citizens in some hall. Commissioner Macfarland, he thought, might with propriety preside at the meeting. To this gathering should be invited a committee from the Board of Trade, one from the Board of Education, and others from other organizations, to consider the question of preparing for this encampment in the fall. In this way he thought the question of funds and the other details of the entertainment of the body could be best accomplished.

It was then agreed that the members of the local encampment should secure a convenient hall, and that the Commissioners should call for a meeting of citizens to be held sometime after the adjournment of the Republican National Convention.

ANNUAL FLAG DAY.

Preparations for Its Observance in Washington.

Flag Day, the 14th of June, will be appropriately observed in this city. The Sons of the American Revolution have arranged an elaborate programme of exercises, which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, and the teachers in the various grades of the public schools are making preparations for observance of the anniversary.

The American Flag Association is active in the promotion of commemorating exercises and have secured the co-operation of the Sons of the American Revolution and of the Sons of the Revolution. The District Commissioners and the Board of Trustees of the public schools have been requested to give their support, and it is expected that some action will be taken at the meeting of the Board tomorrow giving official recognition to the observance of the day.

An endeavor to promote interest in the observance of Flag Day has been made by various patriotic societies, and Admiral Dewey and Lieutenant General Miles are lending their aid to the movement.

Cooperation has been requested from the Board of Trade, President of the Business Men's Association, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Treasury, the President of the Board of Trustees of the public schools, the Mayor, the Grand Army of the Republic, General Breckinridge, President General S. A. R., Dr. Walter Wyman, Surgeon General, Marine Hospital Service, United States Navy; the Board of Management of the National Society of the D. A. R.; Rev. J. D. Whitney, President of Georgetown College; Rev. J. H. Perkins, President of the Board of the Superintendent of the Reform School, and the mayors of the cities of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

It is believed that most of the above will take part in the proper observance of the day.

The school exercises will be exclusively patriotic in character and will consist of the singing of national songs, historical recitations, and addresses in eulogy of the flag.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

Itinerary of the Cruise of the North Atlantic Squadron.

The following concerning movements of naval vessels was given out at the Navy Department yesterday:

The Kearsarge will proceed to Newport to join the North Atlantic squadron for a practice cruise.

The Kentucky will proceed to Lynn Haven Bay for target practice.

The Baltimore, with Rear Admiral Watson on board, left Colombo for Peru, en route home.

The North Atlantic squadron will rendezvous at Newport within the next two days and proceed on its cruise up the Maine coast. The New York and the Texas are already at Newport, the Indiana and the Massachusetts are on the way from Fort Monroe. The itinerary of the squadron will be as follows: Arrive at Boston June 11; leave Boston June 23 and arrive back Newport on June 25; leave Newport on July 1; arrive at Portland, Maine, on August 1; On August 1, the squadron will leave Portland, Maine, and arrive at Rockland, Maine, same day; leave Rockland on August 11 and arrive at Bath, Maine, the same day; leave Bath on August 14 and arrive back at Newport the next day.

The training ship Saratoga will arrive at Southampton July 11, and will leave Southampton for Havre July 13, arriving there August 1. On August 1, she is scheduled to leave Havre for Gibraltar, arriving there on the 25th of August, and thence to Madeira on September 1, arriving September 15. On September 15, she will sail for home, and is due at Philadelphia on October 22.

ESTIMATE OF COTTON ACREAGE.

Figures Given Out by the Agricultural Department.

The statistician of the Department of Agriculture estimates the total area planted in cotton at 25,528,000 acres, an increase of 2,035,000 acres, or 8.7 per cent, over the productive area of last year. He estimates the increase at 7 per cent in South Carolina and Alabama, 8 per cent in Texas and Georgia, 9 per cent in Louisiana and Tennessee, 10 per cent in North Carolina, Mississippi, and Arkansas, 13 per cent in Indian Territory, 18 per cent in Oklahoma, 25 per cent in Virginia, and 40 per cent in Michigan. In all these States the increase is more or less localized, being least where the production of cotton is the most dense and greatest in those regions where cotton growing has hitherto been comparatively engaged in and where physical conditions are not in all respects the most favorable to its production. In general, the increase has been restricted by the scarcity of labor, the high price of seed, the enlarged area in fall-sown crops, and, in certain sections, by exceptionally unfavorable weather conditions. Along the northern border of the cotton belt land, from which wheat has been harvested, is being hurriedly planted in cotton, but the amount is relatively inconsiderable, and allowance has been made for it in the estimate.

The average condition of the growing crop on June 1 was 82.5, as compared with 85.0 on June 1 of last year, 86 at the corresponding date in 1898, and 71.1, the mean of the June averages of the last ten years. A condition of 82.5 is, with one exception, the lowest June condition of twenty years. The condition in Texas is 71, this being the lowest June condition reported from that State in twenty-five years, and sixteen points below the ten-year average. South Carolina, Alabama, and Tennessee are two points and Mississippi and Florida three points and one point, respectively, below their ten-year averages. On the other hand, Louisiana reports a condition of 90, which is 10 points above the ten-year average. Georgia and Arkansas three points above their ten-year averages.

A largely increased use of fertilizers is reported from the older States, and wherever the necessary labor is available and planters are not too much discouraged, unusual care is being exercised in cultivation. Every important section of the nine principal cotton States, together with Oklahoma and Indian Territory, has been visited by special agents of the Department within the last three weeks and the results of their investigations are embodied in the present report. This work will be continued throughout the entire growing season, and should any modification of the acreage figures be found necessary the requisite adjustments will be made by the statistician and promptly made public.

BOTH DUELISTS KILLED.

Fatal Affray in Texas Results From a Physician's Sensitiveness.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas, June 11.—Willey Wilkins and Dr. James Tallifero, two of the best known men in Angelino County, fought a duel with pistols last Saturday evening. Wilkins was shot once in the breast and Tallifero once in the head and once in the body. Both are dead. The result of the shooting was the fatal calling in another physician, as a case Dr. Tallifero had been attending.

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REPRESENTATIVES AT PARIS.

The Commissioners Inform Exposition Authorities of Appointments.

Pursuant to their action taken a few days ago the District Commissioners have informed Cassimir Perier, "President Congress International d'Assistance Publique et de Bienfaisance Privée," and Louis Lucipie, President of the Municipal Council of Paris, France, as follows:

"The authorities of this municipality have received your letter dated April 12, 1900, and addressed to the mayor of the city of Washington, asking that you be informed that delegations from this city will visit Paris in a body during the course of the Exposition Universelle, of 1900, and we have the honor to reply that the only delegation authorized to represent the city of Washington at the Exposition is one accredited to the Congress International d'Assistance Publique et de Bienfaisance Privée, to convene in Paris on the 30th proximo.

"This delegation consists of Messrs. A. Graham Bell, R. Ross Perry, Berthel Wilkins, W. C. Whittemore, William Hutchins, Thomas Wilson, C. W. Needham, J. Howard Gore, and Messrs. Stanley Matthews and Mary Howe Totten.

"It is proper to add that these delegates will probably not visit your city in a body, as the authorities were obliged, in view of the absence of any municipal provision for such a representation, to select a few of the most interested of public-spirited citizens, specially invited in the laudable objects of the congress, who intend to visit Paris in their private capacity during the Exposition, and have consented to represent the city in that assembly.

"The municipal authorities of Washington thank you for your kind tender of hospitality, and will accept themselves honored by any attention or facilities you may be pleased to extend to the members of the delegation."

MRS. PETER KENNON HONORED.

Action of the Alumnae of the Academy of the Visitation.

At a meeting of the alumnae of the Georgetown Academy of the Visitation held yesterday afternoon the office of honorary president for life was created and bestowed upon Mrs. Britanna Peter Kennon, a granddaughter of Martin Washington. Mrs. Kennon, graduated from the academy over thirty-five years ago and is now eighty-five years of age. The association also founded a scholarship at the academy to be held by a daughter of an alumnae, which will be supported by the annual dues paid into the association. The Academy of the Visitation is one of the most famous Catholic schools for young ladies in the country, and the meeting yesterday was attended by seventy of the 450 members of the association.

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